

Remarks:

These remarks are responsive to the final Office action dated March 4, 2005. Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-24 remained pending. In the March 4, 2005 Office action, claims 1, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 19-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mochizuki et al. (US 6,264,314). Claims 1-10 and 12-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Powell et al. (US 6,471,333). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell et al.

Applicants thank Examiner Vo for discussing the merits of the above referenced rejections during the March 31, 2005 telephonic interview. During that interview, Examiner Vo acknowledged that Mochizuki et al. does not disclose a keying pocket, but instead discloses holes that are used to align an ink container. Accordingly, Examiner Vo agreed that Mochizuki et al. does not anticipate any of claims 1-24, each of which recites a keying pocket or keying means recessed into the leading surface of the reservoir.

Applicants respectfully disagree that Powell et al. discloses a keying pocket that is recessed from a face or surface of a reservoir. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants are hereby amending independent claims 1, 16, and 24 to recite an alignment pocket or alignment means. During the March 31, 2005 telephonic interview, Examiner Vo acknowledged that Powell et al. does not disclose an alignment pocket. Examiner Vo indicated that an independent claim that recites both an alignment pocket and a keying pocket would not be anticipated or rendered obvious by Powell et al. Therefore, in view of the current amendments, rejection of independent claims 1, 16, and 24 should be withdrawn. Because claims 2-15 depend from claim 1,

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and claims 17-23 depend from claim 16, rejection of those claims should be withdrawn for at least the same reason.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the above amendments and issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

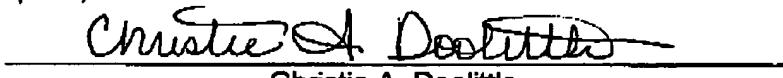
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